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left.      He waives the remainder of the closing. You have heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Janssen amendment to LB 657. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record.

CLERK: 4 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is not adopted. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jones would move to amend with AM1168. (Legislative Journal page 1217.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jones, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, this is the first time I've stood up on this bill and we've been talking about it for a long time now and what I'm bringing you today is a compromise, I think. They figure that this will probably raise two point five million a year. Well, my amendment takes one point five mill...one point two and a half, or one point and a quarter and put it in the water quality program. And I know Senator Schrock and Senator Wickersham have been working on LB 329, try to figure out money for that, and this affects the whole state on water quality. And I realize that Omaha and Lincoln is really important to the rest of the state, but so is all of rural Nebraska important to the rest of the state, and I think that the water comes from all rural Nebraska, down to Omaha and Lincoln, and NRDs need this money for water quality and I think it's really important that we do that so it would really help Omaha and Lincoln out that way. And it will also help us to get some funds out there for the NRDs to do this water testing and be sure that we do keep our water quality up coming to the state of Nebraska...down here. I want to mention a couple of other things with my area that we could have used some money like this for. I had a big disaster on October 31st. Oconto got half wiped out by a tornado and so that was a big issue in my area and we're still trying to get funds for that. Anselmo used to be flooded every year until finally they got a grant a couple years ago to get that improved. And so NRDs I